

V. REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Weiss (U.S. Patent No. 6,164,645) in view of Bonsall et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,101). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Weiss teaches a gaming machine that includes a housing, a plurality of mechanical reels and a video display. The housing defines a hollow interior and has a front rotatable panel which has a first hinge allowing access to a video display. The video display is supported on a second hinge allowing rotation and exposing the hollow interior. The plurality of mechanical reels is mounted in an interior of the gaming machine. Each reel has annular contour and is oriented in side-by-side relationship such that collectively outer surfaces of the reels generally define a cylinder and the video display has an angled surface placed adjacent the reels. The video display has a substantially planar front and rear surfaces and a periphery extending between the surfaces including one peripheral side adjacent the reels. The one side has an angled wall spaced from the reels by a minimum clearance to allow rotation of the reels but orienting the video display immediately adjacent the reels.

Bonsall discloses a touch screen enclosure system having touch screen pan and hinged rear enclosure section for ease of serviceability. The enclosure system is used for an electronic device such as a capacitive touch screen system and utilizes hinged doors to provide access to the various electronic components. The enclosure system includes a front cover coupled to a rear enclosure via a hinge. A pan located between the front cover and the rear enclosure is pivotably coupled to the front cover. The front cover houses a touch screen and a display between the pan and the front cover. The rear enclosure houses computer equipment and power electronics for use by the touch screen. The front cover or bezel is releasably secured to the rear enclosure via a latch mechanism. The touch screen is accessible by swinging the front cover from the rear enclosure and opening the pan from the front cover.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a gaming machine supported on a horizontal support surface and extending vertically upwardly therefrom. Claim 1

recites that the gaming machine includes a cabinet, a display device provided in the cabinet and configured to display an image pertinent to the game, a part provided in the gaming machine and an attachment device configured to attach the part on the cabinet. Claim 1 recites that the attachment device includes a hook and a projection. Claim 1 further recites that the hook is provided on one of the part and the cabinet and is configured to attach the part on the cabinet with the hook having a horizontal hook portion and a vertical hook portion, with the horizontal hook portion extending horizontally from the one of the part and the cabinet and terminating in a horizontal hook portion end and with the vertical hook portion attached to the horizontal hook portion end and extending generally vertically upwardly therefrom. Furthermore, claim 1 recites that the projection defines a hook hole extending vertically and formed on a remaining one of the part and the cabinet with the hook hole sized and adapted to receive the vertical hook portion in a manner that the projection thereafter rests on the horizontal hook portion in a contacting relationship and is operative to slidably move horizontally on and along the horizontal hook portion between the vertical hook portion and the one of the part and the cabinet while maintaining the contacting relationship with the horizontal hook portion. Additionally, claim 1 recites that the part is hooked at an upper end of the cabinet with the hook and the hook hole to be displaceable in an upward direction and the part is fixed onto the cabinet at a pre-determined portion.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 1 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest a hook and a projection as now recited in amended claim 1. Particularly, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art, alone or in combination fails to teach or suggest with a hook having a horizontal hook portion and a vertical hook portion with the horizontal hook portion extending horizontally from the one of the part and the cabinet and terminating in a horizontal hook portion end and with the vertical hook portion attached to the horizontal hook portion end and extending generally vertically upwardly therefrom and a projection that defines a hook hole extending vertically and formed on a remaining one of the part and the cabinet with the hook hole sized and adapted to

receive the vertical hook portion in a manner that the projection thereafter rests on the horizontal hook portion in a contacting relationship and is operative to slidably move horizontally on and along the horizontal hook portion between the vertical hook portion and the one of the part and the cabinet while maintaining the contacting relationship with the horizontal hook portion. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art could not combine the features of the applied art to arrive at the claimed invention because the applied art is devoid of all the features of the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 4 is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the

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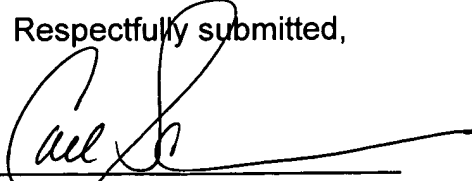
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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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